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Tree Plantation
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the tree plantation programme in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise
(c) whether the Government plans to promote plantation of medicinal plants in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds provided during the last three years to various States including Gujarat, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for tree plantation in degraded forests at Pan India level through people's participation and also launched the National Mission for a Green India (GIM) which aims to increase forest & tree cover on 5 million ha area and to improve quality of forest cover on another 5 million ha area. An area over 2 million hect. has been afforested with an investment of about Rs.3545 crore under NAP since its launching year 2000. The State-wise sanctioned area and fund released during the last three years under NAP and funds released for preparatory activities under GIM is given in the Annexure-I and II. The fund under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), interalia, is also used in plantation activity including compensatory afforestation. The details of CAMPA funds released to the States during the last three years are shown in Annexure-III. Afforestation being the multi-departmental effort, is also taken up under centrally sponsored MGNREGA Scheme, Integrated Watershed Management scheme, National Bamboo Mission and various State Plan & Non-Plan Schemes. In addition, the following initiatives have been taken by the Government to increase tree plantation :
â€¢ MoEF&CC under the clean city-green city approach, has envisaged a new Urban Greens Programme to create bio-diversity parks and green lungs in urban landscape besides tree plantations through Van Mahotsav campaigns.
â€¢ Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways has formulated policy and guidelines for tree plantation along National Highways.
â€¢ A National Agro-forestry policy for implementation through National Agro-Forestry Mission has been formulated by Ministry of Agriculture for increasing tree cover on farm lands.
(c) & (d) NAP Scheme provides for seven models of plantations including the model of 'Regeneration of perennial herbs and shrubs of medicinal value'. The Statewise details of funds sanctioned for last three years, under this model, including the State of Gujarat are given in Annexure-IV.
The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) under Ministry of AYUSH has been implementing following Schemes for overall development of the Medicinal Plants sector in the country:
(i) Central Sector Scheme for "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants" under which conservation and resource augmentation of medicinal plants is being carried out through different State Forest Departments and Forest Corporations. As per the scheme guidelines the financial assistance for above activities is being provided based on the project proposals received from the State Forest Department / Forest Corporation. The Scheme is being implemented since 2008 and continued during the 12th Plan. Details of the State/UT wise fund provided for conservation and resource augmentation of medicinal plants to different State Forest Departments / Forest Corporation during last three years is at Annexure-V.
(ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) having a component on Medicinal Plants which is primarily aimed at supporting cultivation of medicinal plants on farmers land. The cultivation of medicinal plants is supported by providing subsidy to farmers through the identified implementing agency of concerned state. The financial assistance is provided as per the State Annual Action Plan approved for concerned State. Prior to NAM Scheme, the cultivation of medicinal plants was being supported under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "National Mission on Medicinal Plants" of NMPB implemented from years 2008-09 to 2014-15. Details of the State/UT-wise fund provided for cultivation of medicinal plants during last three years is at Annexure-VI.

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